Decline in Air-India's Global traffic share

854. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air-India's global traffic share is declining whereas other foreign airlines operating in the country are showing sign of recovery and earning profits;

(b) whether Government have taken any clue from these foreign airlines to improve the operation of Air India; and

(c) if so, the steps being taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Details of market share of Air India and Indian carriers (including Indian Airlines) in the specified years are as follows. The details of market share of all the foreign carriers, operating to/from India, presently 47, are also enclosed (*see* below):

Percentage of Market Share

	Air India	India Carriers (including Indian Airlines	Foreign Carriers (together)
1985	26.1	34.9	65.1
1990	24.5	30.5	69.5
1994	20.4	30.6	69.4

(c) Air India is taking steps to increase its market share by increasing its capacity deployment and improving its product, image and on-time performance.

Statement

Name of Airlines which are operating Scheduled Air Services To/From India

1. Aeroflot
2. Air Canada
3. Air France
4. Air Mauritius
5. Alitalia
6. Air Ukraine
7. Alyemda
8. Ariana Afghan Airlines
9. Air Lanka
10. Air Maldives
11. British Airways
12. Royal Brunei Airlines
13. Biman Bangladesh Airlines
14. CPA (Cathay Pacific Airways)
15. DELTA
16. Druk Air
17. El AI (Airline of Israel)
18. Egypt Air
19. Ethiopian Airlines
20. Emirates
21. Gulf Air
22. Iran Air
23. Kazakh Airways
24. KLM
25. Kenya Airways
26. Korean Air
27. Kuwait Airways
28. Lufthansa
29. MAS (Malaysian Airlines)
30. Oman Air
31. PIA (Pakistan International Airlines)
32. Qatar Airways
33. Royal Jordanian
34. RNAC (Royal Nepal Airlines)
35. Scandianavian Airways System
36. Saudia
37. Syrian Arab Airlines
38. Singapore Airlines
39. South African Airways
40. Swiss Air
41. Tajikistan International
42. Tarom
43. Thai Airways
44. Tower Air
45. Turkmenistan Airlines
46. Uzbekistan
47. Yemenia

USE of Heavy Fuel Oils By Power Plants

855. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted power plants to use heavy fuel oils;

(b) if so, the details of heavy fuels